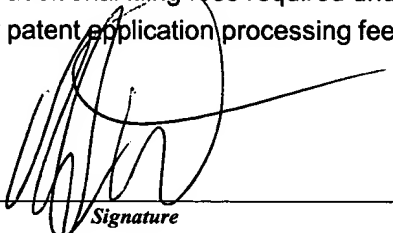
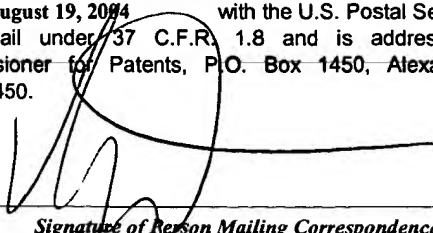
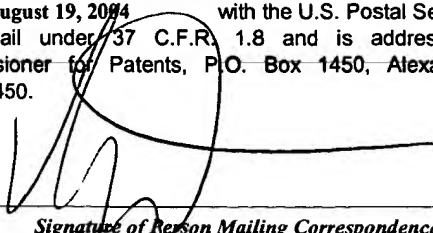
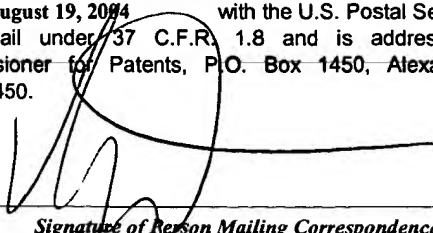


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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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In response to the Official Action dated May 19, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants respectfully submit the following Response after final rejection.

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**Introductory Comments:**

The claims presently under consideration are 3, 4, 6, 7, 13-22, 33, 35, 36, and 39. In this paper the applicants are adding claims 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45.